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We have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text in French of the statement on the former Yugoslavia issued by the meeting of the Council of the European Union, held on Monday, 22 November 1993.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

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Statement on the former Yugoslavia

22 November 1993

The Council held a meeting which Lord Owen and Generals Cot and Briquemont attended.

The Council held an in-depth exchange of views on the situation in the former Yugoslavia and the prospects for negotiations. The Presidency delivered a report on the implementation of joint action regarding the conveyance of humanitarian assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Council noted with satisfaction the commitments regarding the unrestricted conveyance of humanitarian assistance which the parties made on 18 November at the meeting chaired by Mrs. Ogata. It will remain vigilant to ensure that those commitments are duly respected on the ground. It was agreed to re-examine this question at the meeting scheduled to be held at Geneva with the parties on 29 November.

Generals Cot and Briquemont expressed the point of view of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding the protection of the preferred itineraries. The Council recalled the need to secure supplementary contributions of troops and logistical assistance for UNPROFOR. The Council will re-examine the question of the financing of humanitarian assistance at its December meeting.

As part of the revitalization of the negotiation process, and in view of the desire of the European Union to play a dynamic role in that context, the Council decided to invite, in close collaboration with the Co-Chairmen, the parties to the conflict, together with the military chiefs, to a meeting at Geneva on 29 November, which will be attended by, on behalf of the Union, the 12 Ministers for Foreign Affairs and the Commission, as well as by the Co-Chairmen. The military officials of UNPROFOR will also be invited. The purpose of the meeting will be, on the one hand, to propose to the parties a new effort based on a territorial improvement favourable to the Muslims of the results achieved at Geneva, while stressing, on the other hand, that the concessions which might be made by the Serbian side could give rise to a progressive suspension of the sanctions and that the efforts which the European Union is prepared to make to ensure the reconstruction of the former Yugoslavia are contingent on a rapid restoration of peace and a constructive attitude on the part of all the parties.

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